

### **REMARKS**

The indicated allowance of claims 1-12 is gratefully acknowledged. New claims 14-25 respectively replace claims 1-12, and include minor stylistic changes to provide antecedent basis for all claimed terms to better conform to U.S. practice.

The Examiner rejected claim 13 as being a substantial duplicate of claim 1. The Examiner will note that new claim 26 (which replaces claim 13) now recites that the SCEF provides “data structures for providing data communication for the IN”, whereas new claim 13 (which replaces claim 1) now recites that the SCEF provides “service logic for providing a service for the IN”.

Applicants respectfully contend that these are two different aspects of the invention, both of which the applicants are seeking to protect and for which the applicants deserve protection.

The service logic defines how a network responds to a stimulus, such as a call event. At page 8, lines 22-24 of the specification, reference is found to “service logic to control the call control chain between exchanges and any functional response used to invoke services”.

By contrast, data structures provide for communication of data in the form of messages, operation and parameters between the functional blocks of the Intelligent Network. In order to operate, the new control logic requires appropriate data structures to be defined.

Hence, the provision of service logic for providing a service and of corresponding data structures for providing data communication are complementary aspects of this invention, and are not duplicates, as defined in MPEP 706.03(k), in that they do not cover the same thing.

Wherefore, a favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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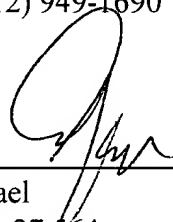
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